

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1909

March 21, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes a public charter school to enroll school-age children residing outside the geographic boundaries of the local education agency (LEA) in which the public charter school is located if the school-age child resides in a Tennessee school district in which a public charter school is not located at the time the school-age child applies to enroll in the public charter school.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – A shift in Basic Education Program funding for LEAs may occur; however, due to multiple unknown variables the extent and timing of any such shift cannot be precisely determined.

Assumptions:

- An LEA's out-of-district policy will not apply to school-age children that meet the requirements of the proposed legislation.
- There are four LEAs that authorize charter schools: Metro Nashville Public Schools (MNPS), Hamilton, Knox, and Shelby Counties.
- School-age children residing outside of an LEA that authorizes charter schools will be eligible to enroll in a charter school located in any of the four LEAs that offer public charter schools; this may increase enrollment for LEAs offering public charter schools and decrease enrollment for other LEAs.
- Any decrease in BEP funding for an LEA will be offset by cost savings from decreased enrollment and any increase in BEP funding for an LEA will be offset by costs resulting from increased enrollment; therefore, the shift in BEP funding is estimated to result in a net state fiscal impact that is not significant.
- It is unknown how many school-age children may enroll in public charter schools as a result of this legislation; therefore, due to multiple unknown variables, the extent and timing of any such shift in BEP funding cannot be precisely determined.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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